

Rural District of Whitchurch, Hants.

Area, 30,609 Acres ; Population 5,822 (1901).

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year ended DECEMBER 31, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—

THE Rural District of Whitchurch, Hants, is situated in the Valley of the Test, and consists of three divisions, viz.:—Whitchurch, Overton and St. Mary Bourne, each with some adjoining parishes. The occupation of the inhabitants is mainly agricultural, but a certain number are employed in a Paper Mill, a Jam Factory, and Slop-work (Clothing), also a few in a small Silk Mill.

The soil is chiefly chalk, and in some parts gravel.

REGISTERED BIRTHS—

Whitchurch Division	...	...	...	72
Overton „	...	...	...	43
St. Mary Bourne „	...	...	...	24
Total	...	...	...	139

DEATHS—

Whitchurch Division	...	...	...	34
Overton „	...	...	...	19
St. Mary Bourne „	...	...	...	15
Total	...	...	...	68

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE—

Whitchurch Division	...	...	...	7
Overton „	...	...	...	2
St. Mary Bourne „	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	10

DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT—

Whitchurch Workhouse	...	...	...	8
Isolation Hospital ...	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	11

Comparing with the previous year, we have—

BIRTHS—

			1908	1909
Whitchurch Division	...	...	75	72
Overton „	...	...	47	43
St. Mary Bourne „	...	...	25	24
Total	...	...	147	139

DEATHS—

			1908	1909
Whitchurch Division	...	...	39	34
Overton	„	...	21	19
St. Mary Bourne „	...	...	17	15
Total	...	...	77	68

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE—

			1908	1909
Whitchurch Division	...	...	2	7
Overton	„	...	3	2
St. Mary Bourne „	...	...	1	1
Total	...	...	6	10

DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT—

			1908	1909
Whitchurch Workhouse	...	...	10	8
Isolation Hospital	...	...	0	3
Total	...	...	10	11

DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS BEYOND THE DISTRICT—1908, 5 ; 1909, 3.

DEATH RATES FOR THE WHOLE DISTRICT—

			1908	1909
General (Nett)	...	...	13·2	11·6
Infant ...	...	...	40·8	71·9

BIRTH RATE PER 1000 OF POPULATION—1908, 25·2 ; 1909, 23·8.

On comparing the statistics on Table I. annexed with the average of the past ten years it will be seen that the number of Births in the whole District has fallen from 149·1 or a rate of 25·7, to 139 or a rate of 23·8, and that the Deaths, which averaged 69·2 or a rate of 11·9 are for this year 68 or a rate of 11·6. The deaths of infants under one year of age which for the past ten years averaged 13·1 or a rate of 87·4 have fallen to 10 or a rate of 71·9.

The Infant Mortality, Table V., introduced 1905, shows that of the 10 children under one year of age. Five lived less than one week and one less than one month owing to causes connected with birth, two of them being twins. There were four illegitimate Births with no Death among them.

The Notification of Infectious Diseases Act, adopted February, 1890, shows the following results :—

WHITCHURCH—

Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	2
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	9
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	4
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	15
Total	...	...	...	...	30

OVERTON 0

ST. MARY BOURNE—

Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	...	2

Total in Rural District—32.

Deaths from Notifiable Infectious Diseases—3.

The following is the return of new cases of sickness attended as paupers by the Medical Officer of each District during the year:—

Whitchurch	...	...	...	...	160
Overton	...	...	...	...	132
St. Mary Bourne	...	...	...	...	62

comprising Influenza, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Measles, Impetigo, and a few cases of Diarrhoea, in addition to some of the Notifiable Diseases before removal to Hospital.

With regard to the health of the District generally there appears to have been a good deal of sickness, chiefly due to Influenza, an outbreak of Measles, and an outbreak of Typhoid Fever, the latter affecting the Town of Whitchurch only.

INFLUENZA was more or less prevalent during the first half of the year, two deaths being primarily attributed to it, viz.:—One in the Whitchurch Division and one in Overton, the latter associated with Pneumonia.

MEASLES was epidemic in the Villages of Hurstbourne Priors and Tufton of the Whitchurch Division in May and June, and in the Overton Division in May, June and July, where many adults were affected, and where also Whooping Cough was somewhat prevalent. After consultation with the County Medical Officer the Schools at Hurstbourne Priors and Overton were closed and disinfected. Two deaths in Overton were attributed to it, one a child of three years with Meningitis as a complication, the other a man 66 years of age with Pneumonia as a complication.

DIPHTHERIA.—One case of a child in Whitchurch was notified on February 10, and one of an adult at Laverstoke, in the Whitchurch Division, on April 10. In neither case was the cause ascertained. Both were admitted to the Isolation Hospital. One case of an adult, a visitor in the St. Mary Bourne Division, was notified on June 28 and isolated at the house; this was believed to have been contracted elsewhere.

SCARLET FEVER.—One case was notified in Whitchurch in January, a boy who had visited Reading, where it was stated to be prevalent, a few days previously. Early in March three cases were notified at Hurstbourne Priors in the Whitchurch Division, and were evidently connected with the outbreak which occurred there in November and December, 1908. All these four cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

ENTERIC FEVER (TYPHOID).—Since August 29th 15 cases of this disease have been notified in Whitchurch on the following dates:—

1.	August 29	...	Girl, 9 years.	
2.	September 4	...	Boy, 6 years.	
3.	„ 11	...	Woman, 42 years.	
4.	„ 14	...	Boy, 12 years.	} Same family.
5.	„ 14	...	Boy, 10 years.	
6.	„ 17	...	Girl, 15 years.	
7.	„ 19	...	Woman, 23 years.	
8.	„ 22	...	Girl, 15 years.	} Same family as Nos. 4 and 5.
9.	„ 22	...	Woman, 39 years.	
10.	„ 22	...	Girl, 16 years.	} Daughter of No. 3.
11.	„ 23	...	Man, 19 years.	
12.	„ 23	...	Girl, 16 years.	
13.	„ 24	...	Man, 30 years.	} Obt. Oct. 15.
14.	„ 28	...	Woman, 28 years.	
15.	October 27	...	Woman, 38 years.	} Mother of 4, 5 and 8, Obt. Nov. 20th.

All these cases, except Nos. 11 and 12, were admitted to the Isolation Hospital. The latter two cases were mild in character and able to be treated at home. It will be seen that these cases spread with great rapidity, and in all but Nos. 7 and 11 there was some connection between the families affected. The majority of the cases were very severe in type, such as I have seen none like since the outbreak of 1871, and they were complicated with severe lung symptoms. Three deaths occurred. I am only surprised that more did not succumb. They were nursed in a most assiduous and indefatigable manner by the staff of good nurses we were able to obtain for the Hospital, and which aided most materially to their recovery. If we had not been able to get these cases under control by admission to the Hospital I fear the majority would have died and there would have been a vast increase of the disease amongst our population. At the commencement of the outbreak I communicated with the County Medical Officer with a request for his assistance, supplemented afterwards by a request from the District Council, and he visited Whitchurch on September 15th and 22nd, and afterwards made a detailed report embodying his suggestions. Subsequently Dr. Bulstrode, from the Local Government Board, visited Whitchurch on two occasions, October 5th and 6th and 14th and 15th, with a view to ascertaining the origin and distribution of the outbreak, with special reference to carrier cases, but as yet I have not heard the result. It appears to me that there was some connection between the death of an invalid child, aged five years, which occurred on July 29th in the house where the first case was notified, the body being kept in the living room after death till its burial, which house many of the people affected were in the habit of visiting, and where the food was kept in a damp and ill-lighted place adjoining the living room; the habits of the people also were dirty, and at this season many flies were about. There was also an old well in the neighbourhood, which was *stated* not to have been used for drinking, there being a supply of good water from a public pump farther away. It must be borne in mind in connection with this outbreak that we had an unusually wet season, and that any previously polluted soil would be specially liable to affect the water supplies of the district, and that people coming home into small cottages day after day with dirty and wet clothes are liable to pollute the atmosphere of the house. Pollution of air, soil and water, damp, dirty, ill-lighted and ill-ventilated houses, coupled with dirty habits of the people being the most favourable conditions for the development and spread of disease, we evidently had here a suitable breeding ground. The milk and food supplies were investigated but without result. Early in September I received notice from the Medical Officer of Health of Woking that a little boy who had visited this locality from August 24th to September 5th, on which day he returned to Woking, had developed Typhoid Fever on the 8th; but I was unable definitely to trace the source of his infection. He was stated to have spent only two days with relatives in Whitchurch, the rest of the time being spent in a neighbouring village where there was no suspicion of Typhoid. The County Medical Officer's recommendation that the services of an additional Sanitary Inspector should be obtained for the purpose of making a general house to house inspection of Whitchurch has been adopted by your Council, and such inspection is still being carried out. The various matters requiring attention are being dealt with as speedily as practicable, though the weather has been such as necessarily to delay the work. All the houses where there was illness were disinfected by your Inspector after the removal of each patient and recovery of those not removed. It should be stated that a special Nurse was provided to attend upon any suspected cases, and the two patients treated at home.

In connection with this outbreak it may be of interest to refer to the record of previous cases since the adoption of the Notification of Infectious Diseases Act in February, 1890, which shows a total of 21 cases in 19 years, viz.:—Twelve in the Whitchurch Division (six of which were imported or contracted elsewhere), four in the Overton Division (one imported), and five in St. Mary Bourne (one imported). Not a bad record considering the liability of a spread from imported cases.

PHTHISIS.—Under the Public Health Tuberculosis Regulations Order, 1908, seven cases have been notified during the year, viz., four in Whitchurch, two in Overton, and one in St. Mary Bourne, of which there was one death in Overton and one in St. Mary Bourne.

These were all visited, and the rooms and bedding disinfected as required, except in the case of a vagrant who was only in Whitchurch for a few hours. Three other deaths occurred which were not notifiable, viz., one in Whitchurch and two in Overton. In these cases disinfection was carried out after death. There is no hospital accommodation for cases of pulmonary tuberculosis in this Rural District.

CANCER caused six deaths, three in Whitchurch, one in Overton, and two in St. Mary Bourne. In these cases disinfection was resorted to after death.

During the year 19 patients were admitted to the Isolation Hospital, viz., two Diphtheria, four Scarlet Fever, and 13 Typhoid Fever. The Hospital is provided by the District Council and its accommodation is sufficient; it has proved of great service to the Rural District. I may add that our Caretakers have shewn great kindness and attention during the trying time of Typhoid, and were most helpful in enabling us to obtain assistance for the Laundry and other work when we were hard pressed; they were also anxious to do all they could to help in other ways.

Disinfection of premises, bedding, and clothing where infectious diseases occurred, and in other cases as recommended, has been carefully carried out by your Inspector of Nuisances, and disinfectants supplied as required. The arrangement made by your Council with the Inspector of Nuisances to undertake these duties has proved satisfactory.

As regards DRAINAGE there is no regular system of Sewerage, but in the more populous places in Whitchurch and Overton, through which the River Test flows, drains and gutters have been laid for the conveyance of surface water usually to the river; into these a good deal of foul matter finds its way, and also slop water from sinks and back premises, but in no instance is any closet known to connect with these drains. The plan for flushing certain drains in Whitchurch by means of an inlet from the river still works well, and the springs which flow into the drain in a part of its course aid in keeping it clean with the help of the Scavenger, who sweeps the gutters daily.

THE WATER SUPPLY of the District is by wells and tube pumps, the latter being yearly on the increase; samples of water have been examined from time to time, and certificates for supply to new houses granted as required. Your resolution that in future the owners applying for a certificate should obtain an analysis and report to be submitted to the Medical Officer of Health, and that the samples should be obtained through your Sanitary Officer should prove advantageous; as also that your Medical Officer of Health be authorised to obtain an analysis in other cases when he thinks it desirable.

THE DISPOSAL OF EXCREMENT in the District is mainly on the pail system or cemented vaults, and the contents are ordered to be emptied at regular intervals by the scavenger of the localities of Whitchurch and Overton and carted away, the St. Mary Bourne locality not requiring a scavenger. All old privy pits are as much as possible done away with, and it is hoped will entirely disappear. The cemented pits were originally intended to be supplied with dry earth, but this is found impracticable in the majority of cases, so that they really become a nuisance and insanitary, especially when adjoining houses, they are also disgusting to empty, and add vastly to the labour of the scavenger; it is very desirable they should be done away with and the pail substituted. Owners should be more careful in the construction of closets; many of them seem to think anything will do however dark and ill contrived. Effort should be and is being made to improve these conditions, the closet pails are now ordered to be emptied regularly by the scavengers twice a week in Whitchurch and Overton, once a week not being sufficient. House refuse and rubbish is ordered to be removed by the scavengers in Whitchurch and Overton at least once a week, and oftener if required; the receptacles for ashes and refuse are as a rule unsatisfactory, buckets and boxes being used instead of sanitary dustbins, so that the contents are blown about by every wind. This is specially objectionable when standing in the streets awaiting the scavenger. People in these days have so much done for them that many become indifferent and take no trouble to keep their surroundings clean and wholesome. The scavenger also attends to the gutters and the cleansing of the streets.

PIGGERIES near dwellings have as usual been dealt with from time to time by the Inspector of Nuisances, and in one instance of serious nuisance the matter was specially dealt with by your Council and the nuisance abated.

The keeping of poultry in cramped and confined places close to houses is objectionable and should be dealt with as a nuisance when necessary.

THE SLAUGHTER HOUSES, of which there are 4 in the Rural District, viz.:—2 in Whitechurch and 2 in Overton, have been inspected, and cleansed and whitewashed as required. No arrangements are made by the Council for the inspection of meat in the District.

THE DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS have been inspected and found more in conformity with the Model Regulations of the Local Government Board adopted in January, 1905, more attention is being paid to the cleanliness of the yards. On February 21 I received an urgent letter from the County Medical Officer of Health in consequence of a letter he had received from one of the London Boroughs stating that "several cases of Enteric Fever have occurred in families whose milk is obtained from one purveyor in the District who gets some of his milk from two farms in this District." I at once visited these farms with the Inspector of Nuisances. At one of them the conditions were quite satisfactory, but at the other a foul smell was observed in the yard and found to arise from a small heap of steaming manure in which it was admitted a small dead calf was buried; notice was immediately given to abate the nuisance within 24 hours. The cowsheds were clean and the premises otherwise generally well kept. The Inspector of Nuisances visited again the next day, with the result that the nuisance was abated. On the 23rd we again visited these premises in company with the County Medical Officer and found them in a satisfactory condition, there was no evidence of any illness amongst the workpeople on either farm, and the water supply of each was satisfactory.

THE BAKEHOUSES have been inspected, whitewashing and sanitation attended to as required. There is no underground Bakehouse in the District.

SEVERAL OLD COTTAGES have been whitewashed, repaired, and improved; many of the cottages are small and incommensurate for the number in family, but it is difficult to alter this, as there is a lack of larger cottages. As stated before Owners should be more careful not to let small cottages to large families. In the cottages and smaller houses more suitable places for the keeping of food is much to be desired, dark and ill ventilated places being anything but satisfactory. Several new houses have been built in different parts of the district—there is no supervision over the erection of new houses, and drainage sometimes subsequently becomes a difficulty. It is hoped that a system of model bye-laws may shortly be adopted, and so obviate this condition of things, and in such it would be well if the provision of a suitable place for the keeping of food could be insisted on.

INSPECTIONS have been made under the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901. Attention given to cleanliness and sanitary conditions and to dwellings of home workers, especially with regard to infectious illness, of which there has been none amongst them during the year.

When INFECTIOUS ILLNESS has occurred in a house the children have been excluded from school by notice to the Teachers.

The ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS in the District appear to be in a good sanitary condition, including the water supply. Arrangements for Medical Inspection of school children have been made by the County Medical Officer.

MANY INSPECTIONS of the District have been made, both systematic and otherwise, and reports made to your Council, which have been attended to in due course. The scavenging in Whitechurch and Overton has been generally well attended to, and during the prevalence of Typhoid Fever in Whitechurch special arrangements were made for emptying the closet pails more frequently and disinfecting them with chloride of lime. The dust nuisance on the roads has been great and necessitated much watering of the streets of Whitechurch and Overton, the frequency of which should be maintained. Several inspections were made by the Inspector of Nuisances and myself in connection with fruit supplied to a Jam Factory, and on one occasion fruit which had not arrived in good condition was dealt with and destroyed.

During the year your Council considered and approved the suggestion that Bacteriological examination should be extended to Typhoid Fever and Pulmonary Tuberculosis, in addition to Diphtheria as previously adopted, and has also applied to the Local Government Board for the adoption of certain sections of Parts III. and IV. of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.

Your Inspector of Nuisances, Mr. J. S. Knight, who has rendered much valuable assistance throughout the year, has submitted the following summary of work carried out under his supervision by order of the District Council and Medical Officer of Health, from which it will be seen that a great amount of work has been done. It is our constant endeavour to keep your District in as good and creditable a condition as possible, and the co-operation of Owners and Occupiers to this end is much desired and appreciated when given.

Cottages whitewashed and repaired	...	...	...	16
Dwelling houses disinfected	...	...	...	25
Bedding, &c., disinfected	...	...	...	25
Schools disinfected	...	...	...	4
Wells cleaned out	...	...	...	2
Wells, new kerbs	...	...	...	2
Wells repaired	...	...	...	3
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	2
Closets repaired and improved	...	...	...	34
Public Pumps repaired	...	...	...	6
Certificates for Water Supply granted	...	...	...	12
Drains repaired and improved	...	...	...	7
Pigs removed	...	...	...	1
Pigstyes cleansed	...	...	...	3
New frames to catchpits	...	...	...	2
Dairies and Cowsheds inspected	...	...	...	33
Bakehouses inspected	...	...	...	9
Slaughterhouses inspected	...	...	...	4
Factories and Workshops inspected	...	...	...	4
Outworkers' Houses inspected	...	...	...	22
School Premises inspected	...	...	...	5
Inspections made	...	...	...	603

And I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

HENRY HEMSTED,

Medical Officer of Health,

R.D. Whitchurch, Hants.

TO THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WHITCHURCH, HANTS,

January 28, 1910.

TABLE I.

Vital Statistics of whole District during 1909 and Previous Years.
WHITCHURCH (HANTS) RURAL DISTRICT.

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	BIRTHS.		TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.				Total Deaths in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	NETT DEATHS AT ALL AGES BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.	
				Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.					Number.	Rate.*
		Number.	Rate.*	Number.	Rate per 1000 Births registered.	Number.	Rate.*					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1899	5658	169	29·8	14	82·8	64	11·3	2	No INFORMATION.	No INFORMATION.	64	11·3
1900	5658	151	26·6	16	105·9	78	13·7	6			78	13·7
1901	5822	152	26·1	17	111·8	77	13·2	8			77	13·2
1902	5822	148	25·4	16	108·0	60	10·3	3			60	10·3
1903	5822	146	25·0	20	136·9	82	14·0	8			82	14·0
1904	5822	156	26·7	13	83·3	63	10·8	7			63	10·8
1905	5822	135	23·1	7	51·8	61	10·4	5			61	10·4
1906	5822	137	23·5	10	72·9	74	12·7	9			74	12·7
1907	5822	150	25·7	12	80·0	56	9·6	7			56	9·6
1908	5822	147	25·2	6	40·8	72	12·3	10	0	5	77	13·2
Averages for years 1899-1908.	5789·2	149·1	25·7	13·1	87·4	68·7	11·8	6·5	0	5	69·2	11·9
1909	5822	139	23·8	10	71·9	65	11·1	11	0	3	68	11·6

*Rates in Columns 4, 8 and 13 calculated per 1000 of estimated population.

Area of District in Acres (exclusive of area covered by water)—30,609.

Total population at all ages (at Census of 1901)—5822.

Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District:—
Hants County Asylum, Hants County Hospital.

Other Institutions, the deaths in which have been distributed among the several localities in the District :
Whitchurch Isolation Hospital.

TABLE II.
Vital Statistics of separate Localities in 1909 and previous years.
 WHITCHURCH (HANTS) RURAL DISTRICT.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES.	1. WHOLE DISTRICT.				2. WHITCHURCH DIVISION AND WORKHOUSE.				3. OVERTON DIVISION.				4. ST. MARY BOURNE DIVISION.			
	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births Regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births Regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births Regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births Regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.
1899 ...	5658	169	64	14	2958	85	29	5	1668	57	26	8	1032	27	9	1
1900 ...	5658	151	78	16	2958	72	42	7	1668	47	21	9	1032	32	15	0
1901 ...	5822	152	77	17	2974	69	43	9	1671	57	19	5	1177	26	15	3
1902 ...	5822	148	60	16	2974	69	30	9	1671	44	15	3	1177	35	15	4
1903 ...	5822	146	82	20	2974	72	45	12	1671	49	22	7	1177	25	15	1
1904 ...	5822	156	63	13	2974	65	35	7	1671	55	13	5	1177	36	15	1
1905 ...	5822	135	61	7	2974	74	33	4	1671	38	17	2	1177	23	11	1
1906 ...	5822	137	74	10	2974	68	39	4	1671	42	19	4	1177	27	16	2
1907 ...	5822	150	56	12	2974	82	28	6	1671	47	17	3	1177	21	11	3
1908 ...	5822	147	77	6	2974	75	39	2	1671	47	21	3	1177	25	17	1
Averages of Years 1899 to 1908 ...	5789.2	149.1	69.2	13.1	2970.8	73.1	36.3	6.5	1670.4	48.3	19.0	4.9	1148.0	27.7	13.9	1.7
1909 ...	5822	139	68	10	2974	72	34	7	1671	43	19	2	1177	24	15	1

TABLE III.

Cases of Infectious Disease Notified during the Year 1909.
WHITCHURCH (HANTS) RURAL DISTRICT.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.							TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.			NO. OF CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL FROM EACH LOCALITY.		
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.						Whitchurch Division W. & H.	Overton Division.	St. Mary Bourne Division.	Whitchurch Division W. & H.	Overton Division.	St. Mary Bourne Division.
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.	65 and upwards.						
Diphtheria (Including Membranous Croup)	3	...	...	1	1	1	...	2	...	1	2	...	...
Erysipelas ...	10	...	...	...	1	6	3	9	...	1	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever...	4	...	1	2	...	1	...	4	...	...	4	...	...
Enteric Fever...	15	...	...	4	6	5	...	15	...	...	13	...	...
Totals ...	32	...	1	7	8	13	3	30	...	2	19	...	...

Total Cases Removed to Hospital ... 19.

Isolation Hospital: Whitchurch (Hants), provided by Rural District Council.

Total available beds ... 12. Number of Diseases that can be concurrently treated ... 2.

TABLE IV.

Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1909.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO WHOLE DISTRICT AT SUBJOINED AGES.							DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO LOCALITIES (AT ALL AGES).			TOTAL DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT.
	All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	Whitchurch Division.	Overton Division.	St. Mary Bourne Division.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Measles ...	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...
Fever (Enteric) ...	3	...	...	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	3
Epidemic Influenza ...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	...
Enteritis ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) }	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	1	3	1	...
Other Tuberculous Diseases	4	1	2	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	...
Cancer, malignant disease	6	...	...	...	...	1	5	3	1	2	1
Bronchitis ...	8	...	1	...	...	3	4	4	3	1	3
Pneumonia ...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1
Premature Birth ...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...
Heart diseases ...	13	1	...	...	...	3	9	8	1	4	1
Suicides ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...
Debility from Birth ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
All other causes...	16	2	...	3	1	3	7	8	4	4	2
All causes ...	68	10	4	5	3	18	28	34	19	15	11

TABLE V.

Infantile Mortality during the Year 1909.

Deaths from stated causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.

WHITCHURCH (HANTS) RURAL DISTRICT.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 month.	1-2 Months.	2-3 Months.	3-4 Months.	4-5 Months.	5-6 Months.	6-7 Months.	7-8 Months.	8-9 Months.	9-10 Months.	10-11 Months.	11-12 Months.	Total Deaths under One Year.
ALL CAUSES—																	
Certified ...	3	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	8
Uncertified ...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
<i>Diarrhœal Diseases</i>																	
Enteritis																	
Muco-enteritis																	
Gastro-enteritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
<i>Wasting Diseases</i>																	
Premature Birth...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cyanosis ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Debility from Birth ...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
<i>Tuberculous Diseases :</i>																	
Tuberculous Meningitis...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
<i>Other Causes :—</i>																	
Convulsions...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	5	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	10

Births in the Year ... Legitimate, 135 ; Illegitimate, 4.

Deaths in the Year ... Legitimate, 10; Illegitimate, 0.

Deaths from all Causes at all Ages 68. Population (estimated to the middle of 1909) 5822.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1909 on the Administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces and Homework.

1.—INSPECTION.	2.—DEFECTS FOUND.
Factories (including Factory Laundries) ... 6	No Nuisances under the Public Health Acts. Section 22 not adopted, Sanitary Accommodation Sufficient.
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) 3	
Total 9	

3.—OTHER MATTERS.

Homework Lists Received 1, Outworkers 23 Women.
Inspections of Outworkers' Premises 22.
Workshops on the Register at the end of the year ... 5.

